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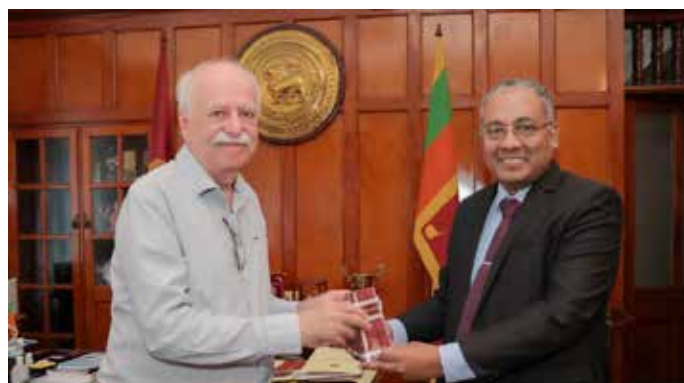
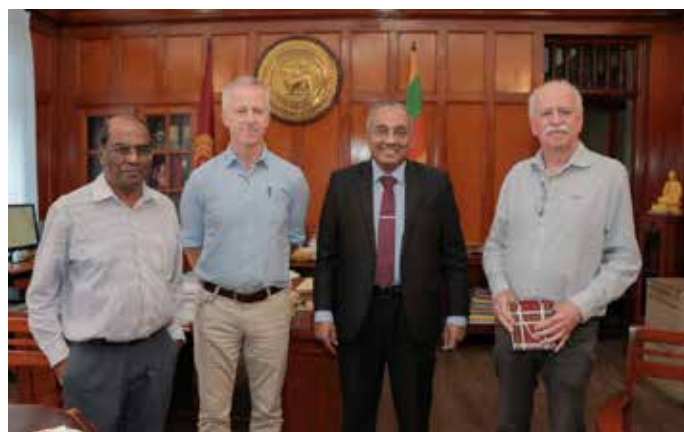
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Delegation of leading research professors from Sweden, India, and Nigeria

As a part of an international collaborative research project on “Novel Nano-structures for performance enhancement of low-cost solar cells”, a delegation of leading research professors from Sweden, India, and Nigeria were visited the University of Peradeniya on the 04th of October 2023. The delegates’ visit was arranged as part of a research collaboration with Prof. Lakshman Dissanayake (NIFS) and Prof. Wijendra Bandara (Department of Physics).

Discuss the collaborative research project on “Novel Nano-structures for performance enhancement of low-cost solar cells” was the objective of the meeting.

Science, Dr. D.M.S. Munasinghe, Dr. S.S.S. de S. Jagoda, Secretary Swedish Research collaboration team, Peradeniya University, and the staff of the International Relations Office have participated from the University of Peradeniya.



Prof. Bengt-Erik Mellander, Department of Physics, Chalmers, University of Technology, Sweden, Prof. Ingvar Albinsson, Department of Physics, University of Gothenburg, Sweden, Dr. Maurizio Furlani, Department of Physics, University of Gothenburg, Sweden, Prof. Nandu B. Chaure, Department of Physics, Pune University, India, Dr. Olajide Olusola, Department of Physics, School of Physical Sciences, Federal University of Technology, Akure are participated from the Swedish collaborative team.

Dr. U.I. Dissanayake has conducted the meeting. Acting Vice-Chancellor, University of Peradeniya, Prof. C.N.R.A. Alles, Director, International Relations Office, Prof. Sarath S. Kodithuwakku, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture. Prof. T M W J Bandara, Swedish Research collaboration team; Peradeniya University, Prof. G.A.D. Perera, Faculty of Science, Prof. Lakshman Dissanayake, National Institute of Fundamental Studies, Prof. R.M.G. Rajapakse Faculty of Science, Dean, Faculty of Veterinary, Medicine and Animal

DAADS Information session and the Meeting between the Vice-Chancellor and, the Regional Officer of DAAD-German Academic Exchange Service

A meeting between the Vice-Chancellor and, the Regional Officer of DAAD- German Academic Exchange Service was held on the October 6th, 2023, at the Vice-Chancellor Office, University of Peradeniya.



On the same day, a hybrid information session titled “Study and Research in Germany” was conducted at the Postgraduate Institute of Sciences, Auditorium, with the attendance of an immense number of attendees. The session was led by Ms. Nimaya Manudewa, the Regional Officer of DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service), in collaboration with the International Relations Office, University of Peradeniya.



Ms. Nimaya Manudewa, the Regional Officer of DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) provided a comprehensive overview of the services and opportunities offered by the DAAD German Academic Exchange Service



Prof. M.D. Lamawansa, Vice-Chancellor, University of Peradeniya, Prof. C.N.R.A. Alles, Director, International Relations Office, and Ms. Diyathi Jayaweera, Project Manager, of the International Relations Office participated in the meeting from the University of Peradeniya.





A Virtual Meeting with the SRM University, India

On October 13th, 2023, a virtual meeting was convened between SRM University India and the University of Peradeniya.



Exploring potential collaboration opportunities between the two universities was the purpose of this meeting.

Mr. Sandeep Samala introduced SRM University, while Prof. C.N.R.A. Alles presented an overview of the University of Peradeniya. The international collaborative team from the Faculty of Management at the University of Peradeniya and SRM University India engaged in fruitful discussions regarding potential collaborations.

Participants from SRM University, India included Mr. Sandeep Samala, AP, and Ms. Anshul Sharma. Representing the University of Peradeniya were Prof. R.H. Kuruppuge, Dean of the Faculty of Management, Prof. C.N.R.A. Alles, Director of the International Relations Office, Ms. Subashini Weerakotuwa, Lecturer in the Faculty of Management, the international collaborative team from the Faculty of Management and the dedicated staff of the International Relations Office.

Outcome of the meeting is Both universities have mutually agreed to convene a follow-up meeting once the draft Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) sent by SRM University, India, is reviewed by the University of Peradeniya.

JICA Chair Program- Inauguration Ceremony

The Inauguration Ceremony for the JICA Chair program took place on October 17th, 2023, at the E.O.E. Pereira Theatre, University of Peradeniya.



The presence of esteemed guests graced the event: His Excellency, Mizukoshi Hideaki, Ambassador of Japan to Sri Lanka, and Mr. Tetsuya Yamada, Chief Representative of JICA Sri Lanka Office.



Representing the University of Peradeniya, Prof. M.D. Lamawansa, the Vice-Chancellor, Dr. U. I. Disanayake, Dean of the Faculty of Engineering, Prof. C.N.R.A. Alles, Director of the International Relations Office, Dr. Panduka Neluwala, Director of the Sri Lanka Japan Study Centre, along with the dedicated staff members of the University of Peradeniya, participated in the event.





Meeting with the Assistant High Commissioner of India

On October 23rd, 2023, a meeting was convened at the Assistant High Commission of India in Kandy, between the Assistant High Commissioner of India and representatives from the International Relations Office of the University of Peradeniya.

Discussing the collaborative activities on the organization of the Indian Cultural Day for International Week 2023 and initiating Hindi Language program at the University was the purpose of this meeting.

In attendance from the Assistant High Commission of India were Dr. Athira S., Assistant High Commissioner, Mr. Kaptan Singh Gurjar, Assistant Attache (ICE), Mr. Lapalu Wijesooriya, an administrative officer, along with their staff.

Representing the University of Peradeniya were Prof. C.N.R.A. Alles, Director of the International Relations Office, and other staff members from the International Relations Office.

Assistant High Commission of India agreed to sponsor the International Cultural Programme of the International Week 2023 and agreed to support the Hindi language programme at the university.



“Tomorrow Technology” Education Service Center Meeting

A meeting was convened on October 26th at the PGIHS between representatives from TTESC and the University of Peradeniya.

The primary aim of this meeting was to discuss student exchange programs within PGIS and to outline future plans within the Faculty of Management regarding such initiatives.

In attendance was Mr. Rui Gong, Director of Tomorrow Technology Education Service Center, representing the Chinese delegation. Additionally, Prof. Suresh, Director of PGIS, and Prof. C.N.R.A. Alles, Director of the International Relations Office, represented the University of Peradeniya.

Meeting with Director, Education - Central Province

A meeting with the Director, Education of the Central Province was conducted to discuss regarding conducting the Indian Cultural Day of the International Week 2023.

The purpose of the meeting to request the support of the Ministry of Education to connect the schools which have been selected by the Assistant High Commission of India to perform at the Indian Cultural Day.

As the outcome, the Director agreed to provide the necessary support and to connect the schools to the success of the Indian Cultural Program of the International Week.

Prof. CNRA Alles, Director, InRO, and Mr. Sandaka Ediriweera participated in the meeting from the University of Peradeniya.

04th Session- Japan Modernization Studies

A Certificate Course on Japan Modernization Studies was held on the 14th of November 2023 at the Diamond Jubilee Auditorium, Faculty of Agriculture in Hybrid mode. DVD lecture on “Agricultural development in Japan: A very short history of 150 years” broadcasted.



Opening and Welcome note was done by Prof. B.M.L.D.B. Suriyagoda, Prof. Emerit. Kazuo Ogata, Chief advisor, PRECIDA-UOJ, Kyushu University Japan was the Keynote Speaker of the Session. Prof. Saliya De Silva, Saga University Japan participated as a resource person for the session and Prof. Buddh Marambe, Department of Crop Science, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya participated as session chair and, Dr. Panduka Neluwala, Director, Sri Lanka Japan Study Center (SLJSC), University of Peradeniya has compeered the session. Prof. C.N.R.A. Alles, Director, International Relations Office has participated for the Session.

The Event was organized by the International Relations Office (InRO) of the University of Peradeniya in collaboration with the Faculty Research Committee

(FRC), Association of Sri Lanka Academics in Japan (SLAc) and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).



International Week – 2023

The International Relations Office, University of Peradeniya organized International Week 2023 to expand international collaborations, expose university students and staff to international educational opportunities, strengthen its international presence in higher education, and enhance its global visibility to emerge as a key hub for knowledge and learning.

For more information please click the link below for the “International Week 2023 Special Edition - December“:



Visit of Kitaoka Shinichi- Former President JICA

On December 11th, 2023, Prof. Shinichi Kitaoka, the former president of JICA (Japan International Cooperation Agency), visited the Postgraduate Institute of Sciences at the University of Peradeniya. Prof. Kitaoka was welcomed by Prof. M.D. Lamawansa, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Peradeniya, Prof. C.N.R.A. Alles, the Director of International Relations Office

and the Director of Sri Lanka Japan Study Center.

A Special JICA Chair Session was organized by the Sri Lanka-Japan Study Center of the University of Peradeniya in collaboration with the International Relations Office on the 11th of December 2023 at the Post-graduate Institute of Science. The Session was graced by Prof. Shinichi Kitaoka, Special Advisor and Former President of the JICA, and Officers from JICA Japan and Sri Lanka.



Over 250 online participants and more than 50 on-site participants were present for the event, of which the main focus was a lecture on “Sri Lanka-Japan Relationship and the Making of Modern Japan” by Prof. Kitaoka. The Session was followed by a fellowship lunch gathering.





Meeting with Ms. Zhuoxuan, U-Created Education

A meeting with Ms. Zhuoxuan, a representative from U-Created Education, China was conducted on the 21st of December 2023. Prof. C.N.R.A. Alles, the Director of the International Relations Office, and the staff members of the International Relations Office participated in the meeting.



The purpose of the meeting was to explore cooperation to develop a short-term learning and practice program for Chinese high school or college students at the University of Peradeniya. It was suggested to conduct a short-term onsite program in the summer of 2024, around 7-15 days with different topics such as

sustainability, environmental protection, or economic development.



Meeting with Alliance Française



An online meeting with Alliance Française, Kandy was conducted on 12th December 2023. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss advancing the French language degree program at the university with the support of Alliance. Teacher Training, Curricular Development, Material development, and exchange of staff and students between a French University and UoP were discussed in the meeting. Dr. Ruwantha Kulathunga, Head of the Department of Classical Languages, Prof. C.N.R.A. Alles, Director, International Relations Office, Julie GUIBRETEAU, Director of the Alliance Française, Kandy, and the staff members of the International Relations Office participated in the meeting.

Exchange Programmes

Exchange Program 2024-2025 [HUSTEP, JLCSP, SA(Special Auditor)/SRS(Special research Student)]

Application deadline for HUSTEP and JLCSP is February 9, 2024.

Nomination deadline for SA/SRS is March 18, 2024.



We are pleased to inform you that our website for exchange programs, HUSTEP, JLCSP and Exchange as Special Auditor(SA) or Special Research Student(SRS) has been updated for Fall 2024.

Please refer to our website from the following link.

- [Website](#)
- [HUSTEP](#)
- [JLCSP](#)
- [Hokkaido University Factsheet 2023-2024](#)

Saitama University Exchange Student Nomination for FALL 2024 is Now Open

Nomination Deadline: 1st March

Application Deadline: 17th April



We are pleased to announce that nomination for our FALL 2024 program is now open.

[*Announcement starting from FALL 2024 program
*]

1. Number of applications/deadline

- Previously, the application was divided into two parts, but this has been changed to one time.
- Accordingly, the deadline has also changed.

2. Regarding “SpeedVisa”

- At the time of application, applicants used a system called “SpeedVisa” to register for data and submit documents, but from the time of nomination, university coordinator will also be able to use it.
- *First, please fill out the online nomination form, and then we will invite the person in charge to “Speed-Visa”.
- More Info: Email to us: inbound@gr.saitama-u.ac.jp

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact InRO.

Exchange Programmes

IIT Bombay: Call for Nominations for the Autumn Semester (July-Nov 2024) Exchange Program

Nomination Deadline: 15th March, 2024



We are pleased to announce that IIT Bombay is now accepting nominations for the Autumn semester (July-Nov 2024). We kindly request your office to send us all the nominations together by filling in the details in the Excel file attached to this email. The nomination deadline is March 15, 2024. Our academic calendar spans from the 3rd week of July to the end of November (Autumn/Fall Semester).

Please find the fact sheet attached to this email containing all the relevant details about the exchange program. Additionally, we encourage your office to share the following links with interested students for comprehensive information about the list of courses offered by various departments.

Course list link: <https://portal.iitb.ac.in/asc/Courses>

Please find the Factsheet in the link: [IIT Bombay Factsheet 2023](#)

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact InRO.

Higher Studies Opportunities

Joint PhD Program - University of Queensland - IIT Delhi Research Academy

The University of Queensland (UQ), a top 50 global university, and the Indian Institute of Technology Delhi (IITD) have joined forces to create a joint Ph.D. program that will support Ph.D. scholars to deliver global impact. We are seeking applications from exceptional candidates with backgrounds in Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, Humanities and Social Sciences, for Ph.D. commencing in July 2024.

An overview of projects can be found on our website : <https://uqidar.org/our-projects/>

Expressions of Interest are now open til 17 March 2024 (Sunday). Interested students are also encouraged to register to attend an online information session on 26th or 27th of February 2024 to find out more about the program. <https://uqidar.org/future-students/find-out-more>

Please feel free to contact us at pica@admin.iitd.ac.in if you would be interested in any additional information on the Academy or our engagement in the region.



Joint PhD Program

UQ-IITD Research Academy

The University of Queensland (UQ), a top 50 global university, and the Indian Institute of Technology Delhi (IITD), an Institute of Eminence in India, have joined forces to create a joint PhD program that will support PhD scholars to deliver global impact.

Program snapshot

Through the UQ-IITD Research Academy joint PhD program, you can receive a scholarship to study at two world-leading, research-intensive institutions on multidisciplinary projects. By participating in the program you will gain:

- ✓ a generous **scholarship and additional project development award support**
- ✓ access to world-class **facilities and resources** and exposure to a new research ecosystem, network and environment.
- ✓ global expertise via **dual supervision** between UQ and IITD as well as possible industry input
- ✓ a **jointly awarded Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)** from both UQ and IITD upon successful completion of the program.

Contact

The University of Queensland: uqidar@uq.edu.au
 Indian Institute of Technology Delhi: pica@admin.iitd.ac.in



Indian Institute of Technology Delhi

UQ IITD
 Research Academy

Other Opportunities

Chikushi Jogakuen University Summer Short Program of Early Childhood Education and Culture 2024 ~Learn about Japanese Early Childhood Education System and Culture~

Application deadline: 15 March, 2024



The Faculty of Human Sciences, Courses of Elementary Education and Early Childhood Education at Chikushi Jogakuen University start recruiting students who would like to join our Summer Short Program of Early Childhood Education and Culture 2024.

This summer program at CJU is a two-week intensive Early Childhood Education program that provides a great opportunity for students wishing to learn Japanese early childhood education and experience Japanese culture and make Japanese friends! Students have opportunities to visit Nursery and Kindergarten schools and learn Japanese childhood education system. In addition to this, students have many chances to interact with Japanese students at CJU and experience Japanese traditional and contemporary culture. *Japanese Language proficiency is not required for this program. Classroom instruction will be provided both in English and Japanese Language.

The program fee is 87500yen (approx. 590USD, which covers lectures, accommodation, airport pick-up, Japanese cultural experience, one-day excursion during the program.)

Fill the form:
<https://forms.office.com/r/GG7JSjxCqM>
 *The number of students to be accepted: 20 (female)
 *we will accept only female students as CJU is women's university.

If you have any enquiries regarding this program, feel free to contact us by the email provided below: E-mail : international@chikushi-u.ac.jp

Email:international@chikushi-u.ac.jp
 TEL: +81-92-925-9979
 FAX:+81-92-925-9683
<https://www.chikushi.ac.jp/language/chinese/univ/>





Exchange Student Experience

Experience sharing as a STEPS International Exchange Student in Saitama University

I was selected from University of Peradeniya as a short term exchange student to Saitama University, Japan. I studied in Saitama University for five months from 19th September 2023 to 9th February 2024. While sharing my experience, I think and I am completely sure that this was the best experience I ever had in my whole life.

As I could speak and write Japanese, it was an added advantage for me to adjust to the culture and the local Japanese community. As we are exchange students, the hospitality and support from the host University is great. They really help and even we receive a tutor to support our daily deeds and adjustments in Japan. They took us to several places and tried their best to show us the beautiful Japan its culture. I had a real

Japanese family experience twice where I participated a host family visit and host family staying program.





There was a 'Japanese culture' class, where we studied almost all the important cultural facts in Japan. And every class was very practical and we learnt new things every week. With the help of the class teacher we went to several places and within that most important visit was to the visit to 'National Diet' in Japan, where not even all Japanese people get chance to go inside and see. And the course 'Intercultural Communication Workshop' opened us a space to communicate with more English speaking Japanese students and many international students in Saitama University. We presented our country and its cultural and important facts to high school students in a near Municipal High School, under the guidance of the professor.

As in summary, I really glad to be an exchange student here in Japan. It encouraged me more to study communities and cultures. As I lived with many international students, not only my Japanese language skills improved, but English language skills also improved. I got more confidence to myself to communicate with native English and Japanese speakers. All the people I meet here are kind and grateful. It's a glad that almost all the international students and Japanese students; especially who lives near the dormitory, know me and they really liked to ask about Sri Lanka.

Finally, I would like to encourage undergraduates, and also graduates to try those kinds of programs and it will really give a fabulous and uncountable experience to your life.

H.D.Dilki Nawodya Amarathunga
Faculty of Arts, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka.



International Interaction Club (InIC)

*“ A candle loses nothing by lightning another candle “
Empowering others and guiding them to unlock their own potential and shape up their lives is one of the greatest good you can do to another. Let’s take a look at, “Believe Me”*



INTERNATIONAL
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University of Peradeniya

An inspirational, informative and interactive session held by the InIC for the new batch of the Management Faculty yesterday (16.02.2024)





Moreover, newly appointed executive members of the International Interaction Club held a meeting with the staff of the International Relations Office on the 6th of February at the InRO. The purpose of the meeting was to present the annual plan of the InIC for the year 2024 and to explain the activities conducted in 2023 by the InIC. Furthermore, InRO activities that can be conducted collaboratively were discussed at the meeting. Prof. C.N.R.A Alles, Director of the International Relations Office, Ms. Shyamali Tennakoon, Project Manager of the InRO, and Mr. Sandaka Ediriweera, Computer Programmer of the InRO participated in the meeting.



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